

the majority side also. So I hope with Senator SPECTER and Senator LEAHY leading the charge that we can move forward very quickly.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I am going to make a few comments on a separate issue. Then we will come straight back to the immigration bill and how we can best handle the debate over the course of today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as I speak, on the west front of the Capitol Building we are observing the 25th National Peace Officers Memorial Service. Tribute is being paid to the 155 peace officers who lost their lives in the line of duty last year. The President spoke there moments ago, and is still there expressing his sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones.

It is always, each year, a solemn occasion. It is a sacred occasion. It reminds us of the huge sacrifices our law enforcement makes day in and day out on our behalf in our communities all across the country. Every day around the clock America's peace officers are on the front lines, protecting our lives, our homes, and our freedoms. On the front line, when we need someone to investigate a dark alley or quell a domestic dispute or subdue a criminal, it is these dedicated professionals who answer that call, who answer that need. Each time they take a risk, and they never know if that risk will be the last call they will make.

On August 8, 2005, when Tennessee Correctional Officer Wayne Thomas Morgan got ready for work, he couldn't know that it would be his last morning to say goodbye. At 10 a.m., during a routine prisoner transfer at the Roane County Courthouse, he was shot and killed. Prison nurse Jennifer Hyatte ambushed him as he and another guard escorted her husband, George Hyatte, from the courthouse to a prison van. From behind the wheel of her SUV, Jennifer drove into the parking lot, shot Officer Morgan three times, and fled the scene, escaping with her husband in the car.

The couple were arrested 36 hours later in Ohio. They now face trial on murder charges scheduled for later this year. It was an outrageous crime that shocked the Nation and shocked the close-knit Kingston community.

A deacon and choir member of the Meadowview Baptist Church, Officer Morgan was well known and much loved throughout his community. His funeral was attended by over 1,000 people, including law enforcement officers from seven States and Canada.

Bradley County Chief Deputy Bill Griffith said Officer Morgan's death "reminds those of us in law enforcement that we put our lives on the line every day."

Today, we echo those words as we pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

I would like to take just a moment to recognize Tennessee's own who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty last year: Officer Michael Keith Buckner, who served the Decherd Police Department and was killed in an automobile accident while returning from an investigation in a severe snowstorm. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Trooper Todd Michael Larkins, who served with the Tennessee Highway Patrol for 5 years, was struck and killed by a tractor trailer while conducting a vehicle stop. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Correctional Officer Wayne Thomas Morgan, who served with the Tennessee Department of Correction for 28 years, is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

And Officer Kay Frances Rogers, a 15-year veteran who served with the Murfreesboro Police Department for 4 of those years, died of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. She is survived by her mother, three brothers, and three sisters.

Our hearts go out to these families, to friends and colleagues. And we bow our heads in recognition of their dedication, their sacrifice, and their courage.

As a Senator and an American citizen, I pledge to keep working on behalf of our Nation's peace officers.

In 2004, I cosponsored the Law Enforcement Safety Act, which the President signed into law. This legislation was the No. 1 priority for our Nation's law enforcement community. It is now law of the land. It allows current retired police officers to carry a concealed weapon in any of the 50 States. America now has the added security of tens of thousands of trained and certified law enforcement officers serving and protecting us across the country even into retirement.

There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving communities all across America, the highest number ever.

Each of these officers is a hero. And each of these officers has a family who deserves our appreciation and gratitude for their service.

May God bless the brave women and men who swear to protect and serve us.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT OF 2006

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 2611, which the clerk will report by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2611) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this is summertime. It is the time that we see the rolling out of American blockbuster movies. They also try to save their best for the summer. This summer's blockbuster is "The Da Vinci Code," starring Tom Hanks. It starts this Friday all across America. But the third week in May on the Senate floor we have our own Senate blockbuster. It is the sequel though, not the original, part 2 of immigration. The first installment didn't go well for a number of reasons. One of the reasons I felt it didn't go well was the fact that the President wasn't involved personally in it. He wasn't involved in the debate.

For the first installment, I think the Judiciary Committee did very well. They were working on a very tight timeframe. There probably should have been more hearings. That is one reason there were probably more amendments than we would normally have on a bill. But I think Senators Leahy and Specter did an outstanding job to work out the bipartisan compromise—what we call the McCain-Kennedy legislation. It is a bill we tried to deal with on the floor. It didn't move forward for a number of reasons, one of which is the fact we couldn't work out a procedural mechanism to go forward. We tried. We had two cloture votes. All the Democrats voted to go forward with this; all the Republicans voted not to go forward with the legislation.

What did that legislation have in it? Both the McCain-Kennedy and the so-called Hagel-Martinez substitute. They have in them provisions that I think are so important to this country.

First, our border security.

I was in the Congress 20 years ago and served in the House of Representatives when we passed an immigration bill. Obviously, we didn't do a very good job. Twenty years later, we have at least 12 million people who are here that are undocumented.

With this legislation, which is so important, we do good, sound, long-term border security.

We also have to have a temporary worker program. There could be a number of amendments offered on this legislation. But we have to have a temporary worker program. I have said on a number of occasions that Las Vegas is a perfect example of why we need a temporary worker program. In the next 4 or 5 years, they will have 50,000 new hotel rooms. Management and the union say they cannot find the workers to man those hotels. So we need a temporary guest worker program.

I have mentioned we have 12 million people who are now living in the shadows. We have to have a way of bringing them out of the shadows. The McCain-Kennedy legislation sets the framework for doing that. How? By putting them on path of legalization—a path that would require their having jobs, paying taxes, staying out of trouble, no